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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Decision on Request to Participate in Patent Prosecution Highway Program and Petition to Make Special Under 37 CFR 1.102(d) mailed November 24, 2008.

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